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SUBJECT:VISIT OF AMBASSADOR WOLFF

1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW AS APPROPRIATE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC
BACKGROUND OF DEPUTY STR ALAN WM. WOLFF IN SEEKING TO
ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER:

AMBASSADOR WOLFF IS THE PRESIDENT'S DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE, WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ROBERT S.
STRAUSS, FOR COORDINATION OF U.S. TRADE POLICY WITHIN THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH AT THE UNDER-SECRETARY LEVEL AND DIRECTION
OF U.S. TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

AMBASSADOR WOLFF JOINED THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTA-
TIVE'S OFFICE (STR) AS DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL IN 1973 TO
MANAGE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S DRAFTING OF THE TRADE ACT.

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IN 1974, HE BECAME GENERAL COUNSEL, PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY
IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRESENTATION OF THE TRADE ACT TO
THE CONGRESS, AS WELL AS IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIA-
TIONS STEMMING FROM THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMON MARKET.

IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE

TRADE ACT OF 1974, AMBASSADOR WOLFF SERVED AS HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AS ACTING DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

IN 1975 AND 1976, AMBASSADOR WOLFF SERVED AS CHIEF UNITED STATES NEGOTIATOR IN BILATERAL TRADE TALKS INVOLVING SEVERAL KEY IMPORTED PRODUCTS. HE NEGOTIATED THE U.S./JAPANESE AGREEMENT ON SPECIALTY STEELS.

PRIOR TO JOINING STR, AMBASSADOR WOLFF WAS A SENIOR ATTORNEY AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S PREPARATION FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. PREVIOUSLY AT TREASURY, HE SERVED AS STAFF COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF TRADE POLICY AND THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND FINANCIAL POLICIES. IN 1972, AMBASSADOR WOLFF SERVED AS HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE CHARTER OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.

PRIOR TO MOVING TO WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR WOLFF WAS A PRACTICING LAWYER IN BOSTON AND NEW YORK CITY. HE HAS PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON UNITED STATES TRADE LAW AND PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PANEL REPORT ON LONG TERM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONETARY REFORM.

AMBASSADOR WOLFF RECEIVED AN LL.B. FROM COLUMBIA AND AN A.B. FROM HARVARD. HE IS MARRIED TO HELENE NOVICK, AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, ANNA, AND JEREMY.

2. WOLFF PARTY WILL BE ARRIVING IN KUALA LUMPUR AT 1520 HRS. ON FEB. 1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFO WOLFF IN K.L. IN ALL FUTURE CABLES CONCERNING HIS VISIT. VANCE

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